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In re Patent Application of

Henrik STENDER et al.

Serial No.: 08/943,777

Group Art Unit: 1643

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Examiner: J. Fredman

For: NOVEL PROBES FOR THE DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA

Box No Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 1, 1999, having a shortened period for response which expired August 1, 1999. Appended hereto is a petition for a THREE month extension of time, thereby making this response timely.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 25-34 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, comprising claims 1-24, 35 and 36 drawn to PNA probes. Please cancel the non-elected claims, namely claims 25-34, without prejudice, it being recognized that Applicants retain their rights to pursue the subject matter of the above canceled claims in a separate divisional application.

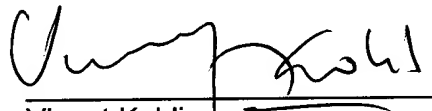
AUTHORIZATION

No additional fee is believed to be necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1855, Account No. 35853.1.

Respectfully submitted,
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